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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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Sir:

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.56, 1.97, and 1.98, applicants' undersigned attorney brings to the attention of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office the following documents. Copies of the documents as well as Forms PTO/SB/08A and PTO/SB/08B are attached hereto. This is not to be construed as a representation that a search has been made or that a document is relevant merely because cited.

U.S. Patent No. 5,504,086 to Ellinwood, Jr. et al. discloses an intraoral dosing method of administering trifluorobenzodiazepines, propoxyphene, and nefazodone.

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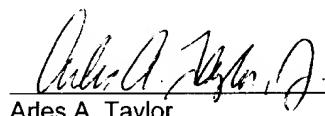
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